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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were previously filed on October 29, 2007 and September 8, 2006, Applicants hereby submit a copy of a European Office Action dated March 11, 2008 with respect to patent family member European Patent Application No. 04820250.1-2310, in which the following documents were cited:

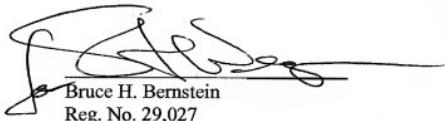
- (1) US 2002/0165616;
- (2) WO 00/71178 A1;
- (3) EP 0 107 476; and
- (4) US 5,645,596.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the European claims by the European Examiner, is set forth in the European Office Action.

Applicants note that all of these documents were previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement of October 29, 2007, and thus, copies of these documents are not provided herewith. Also, Applicants note that no fee or certification is required to ensure consideration of these documents, as they were already brought to the Examiner's attention. Nevertheless the Examiner is respectfully requested to review the same again together with the European Examiner's comments with respect thereto.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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